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News from Mentor United Methodist Church

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Children and Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

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Life Changers are needed for SUMMER quarter

Why not sign up to help with our Sunday children's programs? Be a "Life Changer" as an adult or youth who helps children change their lives through the transformative grace of Jesus!

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who made our SUMMER PROGRAMS such an awesome success! These programs could not run without all the dedicated Life Changers who make them happen!

Have a 3rd Grader? We have a special gift of a Bible for you! Look for more information by email from Tammy. Mark your calendars for breakfast on Saturday, August 18 at 9:00-10:30 AM and service Sunday, August 19. Presentation will be at 9 AM in the Sanctuary or 11 AM in iConnect.



Additional Worship opportunity available throughout the summer!

Thursday evening Worship Services are being held in the Chapel each week and will run through August 30. The service begins at 7:30 PM. If your schedule will prevent attending a Sunday service, this is a great alternative. Hope to see you there!



Gingerbread House Craft Fair

We are moving into the season when people start making applesauce, jams and jellies, and canning some of their harvest items. Please consider setting aside some of the "fruits" of your labor for our Country Cupboard at the Craft Fair in November. Thank you!



GriefShare - A Grief Recovery Support Group

Fall Session on Wednesdays

September 5 to November 28

(13 weeks at Mentor United Methodist Church)

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes book)

Weekly Video Seminars are designed to help you successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy.

DivorceCare - A Divorce Recovery Support Group

Fall Session on Mondays

September 10 to December 3

(13 weeks at Mentor United Methodist Church)

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes book)

Weekly Video Seminars are designed to help recover from the pain of separation and divorce.

Register by calling or e-mailing Pastor Bev Wrobel (440) 255-3496 x106 blwrobel@mentorumc.org. For more information visit the GRIEFSHARE website at www.griefshare.org or visit the DIVORCECARE website at www.divorcecare.org.

From the Pastor

"Timelines and Seasons"

The modern western mind views time as linear with a beginning and end. We think of things in terms of A to B; from the beginning to the end. The timeline for planet earth is viewed that way, a beginning and an end. Education is from Kindergarten to high school or beyond, eventually ending with graduation or terminal degree. We think of the growing season from planting to harvest. A career is from the first day on the job until retirement. And retirement from the last day of work until death. Grave markers display the date of birth and the date of death. We think in linear ways.

The ancient Hebrews of the Bible understood time differently. In their thinking, the past, present and future was seen as circular or cyclical. That helps us better understand some of the passages of the Old Testament. It also helps us see the importance of the cycles of the year: agricultural and religious holidays in particular. Time was not a race to the end, but a continuous movement. We see this in Ecclesiastes 3, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity..." Life is repetitive in many ways, but it is not an unending circle. There is advancement toward a God-ordained goal, and part of that involves appointed times and seasons that are put in place by the personal Creator.

We are in the midst of both a linear observation (our 200th anniversary as a church) and cyclical observation (another season is giving way to the next). We think of the season of Advent, but we also see the cycle from Advent, to Lent, to Easter, to Pentecost, to Kingdom time; and back to Advent. How many times have you found yourself saying something like, "It's hard to believe another Christmas is here, it seems like we just celebrated Christmas?"

In this 200th year as a congregation, we are "Celebrating our Past, living in the Present, building for the Future." That's pretty linear as we trace our history from 1818 and look to the future... But in the midst of the linear is the cyclical as we live in the present. August marks the beginning of another school year, the transition from summer to fall, and a new season in the local church. "Living in the present" we cycle through our season as we march down the timeline "building for the future."

During this season please plan to join us as we...

- Begin new Journey Groups and continue existing groups
- Launch into our Sunday school
- Begin a new season with our youth program
- Engage in the nominating of officers and committee members for a new year
- Build a budget for the coming year and secure 3-year commitments to retire our debt
- Celebrate our 200 years with a banquet on September 22

- Pastor Kurt

August Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

As we continue to move through the Prayer Jesus taught us to pray, we come to the phrase "thy will be done". God's plans for us are greater than anything we can imagine. Herein, we have to trust that His eternal will is good and He knows what we need. Jesus prayed this in the Garden of Gethsemane and He is our example in all of life. So when we pray, "thy will be done", we are surrendering our will and trusting in our loving merciful, gracious, just, almighty God!

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Through The Years

The history of Christianity on the island of Great Britain is one with many phases. The Britons, the early British people, were Christianized by the Romans who had adopted Christianity in the fourth century A. D. By the year 410, Rome, facing a crumbling empire, left Britain. The fifth century saw the invasion of the Angles, Saxons, and Jutes who took over what is today England (the name coming from the Angles). The original Britons were forced west into what is today Wales and Cornwall. The invading Germanic tribes were pagans who worshipped a pantheon of gods, led by Odin. One of the kingdoms set up by these invading people was the Kingdom of Kent, in the extreme southeast of the island. There, in the late sixth century, it was ruled by Ethelbert. Ethelbert was a pagan who had married a Christian woman, Bertha. She was the daughter of Charibert the I, King of Paris. Ethelbert was tolerant of the few Christians who lived in his realm.

In 597, a Benedictine monk, Augustine, arrived from Rome on a missionary journey. He was sent by Pope Gregory the Great. Ethelbert greeted him warmly and gave Augustine land to build a monastery in the capital of Kent, the city of Canterbury. Ethelbert converted to Christianity and later that year, a mass baptism was held on Christmas Day, 597. As a result of Augustine's success, the Pope made him the Archbishop of Canterbury, with primacy over the churches in Great Britain.

When King Henry VIII established the Church of England (or the Anglican Church) in the sixteen century, the Archbishop of Canterbury became its ecclesiastical head. One of these Anglican Priests, John Wesley, in the eighteenth century started a movement which eventually became our United Methodist Church. I guess we owe a debt of gratitude to King Ethelbert, or perhaps more accurately, Queen Bertha, for their acceptance of the Christian faith into what became England.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:

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Concord, Ohio 44060-6704 or e-mail to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net



Middle School Mission Week Updates:

Shoe Sunday

MSMW sends huge thanks to Cornerstone Fellowship group, Mentor UMC United Methodist Women, Mr. Jim Maraus with DBR Media in Brecksville, and the congregation for generous monetary donations that enabled us to fill all the requests for new shoes last week.

Our MSMW students delivered a new pair of shoes for each of the 50 guests staying at Project Hope; bundles of new shoes and flip flops (for the showers) to Salvation Army in Painseville; and several bags and bundles to fill Back to School needs for local families at Hope Chest. We appreciate everyone's support!

Scholarships for Liberia

In 2011, MSMW provided scholarships for 4 students to go to school through the United Methodist Church in Liberia. We started with four middle school students and then realized we couldn't just stop sending these students to school after one year.

Today, Daniel is a successful college freshman at the United Methodist University in Monrovia, and O'George, Felicia, and Teddy are students at Brumskin High School. As the students get further along in their education, their tuition and fees increase.

This year, our MSMW students raised \$565 at their car wash and another \$1992 from the congregation on Sunday morning. This is a record breaking collection!!

On behalf of our four students in Liberia, we want to sincerely thank our MSMW students and the congregation for guaranteeing these students another year of school. It is the only way they can attend school and we always receive such grateful letters from our Liberia students.

A BIG THANK YOU to UMW for serving our Liberia Day Lunch and to ALL who served last week at MSMW!! See you next year June 24-28, 2019!

CALENDARRegularly Scheduled Weekly Meetings:

These meetings are listed here instead of the calendar. Contact your group leader for any time changes. Please see other events on the calendar page.

Sunday:

09:00 AM Adult Sunday School

Monday:

10:00 AM Diemer Group Study
07:00 PM Men's Group Meeting

Tuesday:

06:30 AM Men's Journey Group
07:00 PM Emmaus/Journey Group
07:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 280

Wednesday:

10:00 AM Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way
01:00 PM Knitting Group

Thursday:

10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous

Friday:

01:00 Journey Group Fournier/Korenko

Saturday:

08:00 AM iConnect Rehearsal

**Flat Rock Homes Needs Your Help!**

The mission of Flat Rock Homes is to provide outstanding services which transform lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and persons with critical needs through a dedication to caring and excellence that demonstrates Christian values. They have been in covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church since 1968.

Flat Rock is currently facing a short term income shortfall, and Mentor UMC will be offering an opportunity after each service on Sunday, August 5, for you to make a monetary gift to this worthy ministry to help with this immediate need.

Please come prepared to give generously on August 5th, or consider making a tax deductible contribution to Flat Rock online at www.flatrockhomes.org or by mailing your remittance to: Flat Rock Homes, Care Center and Community Services; 7353 County Rd 29; Flat Rock, OH 44828.

Thank you for your generosity as we offer our support to the individuals and families whose lives are touched by the ministries and services of Flat Rock Homes!

**WOMEN'S SUMMER FELLOWSHIP****Sundae Sunday**

Sunday, August 12, 2-4 PM in Fellowship Hall

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to come and join in building a sundae as we share in fellowship, learning and mission together! This event will include a brief program based on the 2018 United Methodist Women mission study, *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living*, which will offer us a chance to consider how we can care for creation, work together with all of life, and care for others and ourselves the way Christ cared for all of creation. The time will conclude with a hands-on mission opportunity to create a variety of "easy-but-attractive" Christmas ornaments for Red Bird Mission.

There is no charge for this event, but all are invited to bring a pair of new socks (any size, M/F) to send to Red Bird Mission. Be ready to learn, fellowship, laugh, praise God, do a mission project, and soak up all God has for you! Please contact Carole Ring (umw@mentorumc.org or 440-255-7213) if you have questions. Students 5th grade and older are welcome with an adult.

Tuesday, August 7 – Women's Book Discussion, *Reading with Patrick* by Michelle Kuo – 9:30-11:00 in the Adams Parlor

Tuesday, August 21 – Women's Mission Day at Greater Cleveland Food Bank – meet in parking lot near Gallery to carpool at 9:20, serve 10:00-noon, return to church around 12:30pm – **must be pre-registered online** so please see registration information on the church website (in the Women's Summer Fellowship article) or contact Carole Ring for details

Please contact Carole Ring (umw@mentorumc.org or 440-255-7213) with questions or to RSVP for the mission day. No reservation is needed to participate in the other events. Please join us!

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Bible Conference with Michael Card

Mentor UMC will host a weekend Bible Conference on October 26-28. Nationally known Bible teacher, singer and songwriter Michael Card will present a Biblical Imagination Conference on the Gospel of Luke (the Gospel of Amazement). The conference is Friday night and Saturday and includes the concert on Sunday evening.

We are happy to bring Michael Card from his hometown of Nashville to Mentor and invite you to come and learn from his engaging teaching of Scripture and enjoy his gift of music. Purchase tickets at his website at www.michaelcard.com. The early registration cost of \$73.00 per person includes the conference and concert. Concert only tickets are also available.

Contact Pastor Bev Wrobel at blwrobel@mentorumc.org for more information.

Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern worship, iConnect, in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 9.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>August 2018</i> See page 4 for regularly scheduled meetings.						
			1 09:30 AM - Mentor UMW Board Meeting 07:00 PM - Trustee Meeting 07:00 PM - Missions Commission	2 07:30 PM Thursday Evening Worship Service	3	4 08:00 AM - Kairos Team Formation Meeting 12:00 PM - Kairos Outside
5	6 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 07:00 PM - Nominating Committee Meeting 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning	7 09:30 AM - Women's Book Discussion - Reading with Patrick	8 07:00 PM - Children's Ministry Team 07:00 PM - Finance Committee	9 07:30 PM Thursday Evening Worship Service	10 09:00 AM - Marriage Vow Renewal Set Up 07:00 PM - Marriage Vow Renewal Rehearsal	11 02:30 PM - Marriage Vow Renewal Service & Reception
12 02:00 PM - Sundae Sunday - United Methodist Women	13 07:30 PM - Communications Team	14 06:00 PM - Fellowship/ Evangelism	15 07:00 PM - Membership Committee	16 07:30 PM Thursday Evening Worship Service	17	18 08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting 09:15 AM - Third Grade Bible Breakfast
19 Third Grade Bible Distribution at 9:00 Sanctuary and 11:00 iConnect Bibles, Book Bags, and Bag Tags Sunday	20 10:15 AM - Worship at Mentor Ridge 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 01:30 PM - AS Group 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning	21 09:20 AM - Women's Mission Day - Greater Cleveland Food Bank	22 11:00 AM - GS Group 06:30 PM - UMC Discussion Group 08:00 PM - Staff-Parish	23 07:30 PM Thursday Evening Worship Service	24	25 08:00 AM - WRE Team Meeting 04:30 PM - More than a Meal Prep 05:30 PM - More than a Meal
26	27	28	29	30 07:30 PM Thursday Evening Worship Service	31 06:00 PM - Vettel/ Stopp Rehearsal	